

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system, comprising:

a plurality of player terminals, wherein each player terminal is operable by a respective player to select any of a plurality of different games of chance for play and to place a wager on the selected game of chance, each game of chance having a corresponding jackpot cycle and a corresponding maximum wager;

an accumulation facility configured to accumulate in an accumulation account a portion of each wager made on any of the plurality of different games of chance using any of the plurality of player terminals;

a plurality of random event generators corresponding to the plurality of different games of chance, each random event generator being activatable to randomly select an outcome of the corresponding game of chance from a set of possible outcomes that include a favourable outcome, the occurrence of which causes a player who placed a wager on the corresponding game to win a determinable portion of the contents of the accumulation account; and

a determination facility, wherein the determination facility is configured to determine, in response to placement of a player's wager on the player's selected game of chance and prior to activation of the corresponding random event generator, the determinable portion of the contents of the accumulation account as a function of:

a) a size of the player's wager relative to the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance;

b) a playing currency of the player's wager, wherein the player's wager is denominated in one of a number of different permissible playing currencies; and

c) the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the contents of the accumulation account are denominatable in a base currency which is stronger than or equal to a strongest one of the number of different permissible playing currencies.

4. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 3 in which the base currency is a strongest one of the permissible playing currencies.

5. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 4 in which the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance is denominated in the base currency.

6. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 5 that includes a conversion facility instructable to convert a wager made in any one of the different permissible playing currencies to an equivalent wager in the base currency, the conversion facility including a stored spot exchange rate from each one of the different permissible playing currencies to the base currency, the stored spot exchange rates being updatable from time to time.

7. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 6 in which the player's wager is denominated as an integral number of units or an integral number of fractional units of one of the number of different permissible playing currencies.

8. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 7 in which the determination facility determines the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player upon the occurrence of the favourable outcome as a function of a ratio of the size of the player's wager to the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance.

9. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 8 in which the determination facility determines the size of the player's wager as a function of a particular permissible playing currency in which the wager is denominated and a corresponding denomination of the units or fractional units of that playing currency.

10. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 9 in which the determination facility determines the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player upon the occurrence of the favourable outcome as a function of the stored spot exchange rate between the permissible playing currency in which the player's wager is denominated and the base currency.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the determination facility determines the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player upon the occurrence of a favourable outcome as a function of a product of a ratio of the size of the player's wager to the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance, and a relative size of the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance.

13. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 12 in which the relative size of the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance is a ratio of the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance to the greatest jackpot cycle of any one of the plurality of different games of chance.

14. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the set of possible outcomes of the corresponding game of chance includes a plurality of different partially favourable outcomes, each partially favourable outcome causing the player to win a determinable portion of the contents of the accumulation account that is proportionally reduced.

15. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 14 in which the reduction in response to the occurrence of a partially favourable outcome of the game of chance being played is proportional to the probability of occurrence of the corresponding outcome.

16. (previously presented) A jackpot wagering system as claimed in claim 1 in which the portion of each wager accumulated in the accumulation account by the accumulation facility is a predetermined percentage of the wager.

17. (previously presented) A method for jackpot wagering, comprising the steps of:  
using a computer workstation to select a game of chance from among a plurality of different games of chance for play by a player and to place a wager for the player on a turn of the selected game of chance, each game of chance having a corresponding jackpot cycle and a corresponding maximum wager;

accumulating a portion of the player's wager in an accumulation account;

a gaming server, located remotely from the computer workstation, randomly selecting an outcome of the selected game of chance from a set of possible outcomes that include a favourable outcome, the occurrence of which causing the player to win a determinable portion of the contents of the accumulation account; and

determining, prior to randomly selecting the outcome of the selected game of chance, the determinable portion of the contents of the accumulation account as a function of:

a) a size of the player's wager relative to the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance;

b) a playing currency of the player's wager, wherein the player's wager is denominated in one of a number of different permissible playing currencies; and

c) the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 17 in which the contents of the accumulation account are denominated in a base currency which is stronger than or equal to a strongest one of the different permissible playing currencies.

20. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 19 in which the base currency is a strongest one of the permissible playing currencies.

21. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20 in which the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance is denominated in the base currency.

22. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 21 in which a wager from any one of the different permissible playing currencies is converted to an equivalent wager in the base currency, a stored spot exchange rate being provided from any one of the permissible playing currencies to the base currency, the stored spot exchange rates being updatable from time to time.

23. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 22 in which the player's wager is denominated as an integral number of units or an integral number of fractional units of one of the permissible playing currencies.

24. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 23 in which the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player upon the occurrence of the

favourable outcome is determined as a function of a ratio of the size of the player's wager to the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance.

25. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 24 in which the size of the player's wager is determined as a function of the playing currency in which the player's wager is denominated and a corresponding denomination of the units or fractional units of that playing currency.

26. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 25 in which the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player upon the occurrence of the favourable outcome is determined as a function of the stored spot exchange rate between the playing currency in which the wager is denominated and the base currency.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 17 in which the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player upon the occurrence of a favourable outcome is determined as a function of a product of a ratio of the size of the player's wager to the maximum wager of the player's selected game of chance, and a relative size of the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance.

29. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 28 in which the relative size of the jackpot cycle of the player's selected game of chance is a ratio of the jackpot cycle of the

player's selected game of chance to the greatest jackpot cycle of any one of the number of different games of chance.

30. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 17 that includes the step of establishing a plurality of different partially favourable outcomes for the player's selected game of chance, each partially favourable outcome causing the portion of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player to be proportionally reduced.

31. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 30 in which the reduction of the contents of the accumulation account that can be won by the player in response to the occurrence of a partially favourable outcome of the game of chance is proportional to the probability of occurrence of the corresponding outcome.

32. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 17 in which the portion of the player's wager accumulated in the accumulation account is a predetermined percentage of the wager.